(b) The Airports Authority of India Bill, 1993, as passed by Lok Sabha.

(c) The Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Power Transmission System) Bill, 1994, as passed by Lok Sabha.

2. Discussion on the Resolution seeking extention of President's Rule in the State of Jammu & Kashmir for a further period of 6 months w.e.f 3.9.1994.

3. Consideration and return of the Manipur Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1994, as passed by Lok Sabha.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned till 2.30 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at one minute past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-four minutes past two of the clock, The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE (Cntd.)

Simplified Statement regarding Action Taken Report on the Recommendations of Joint Parliamentary Committee NN

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): Madam, I lay on the Table a simplified Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Action Taken Report on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee which enquired into the irregularities in Securities and Banking Transactions including withdrawal of certain words contained in the Action Taken Report.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, can we ask supplementaries? (Interruptions).

SHRI IAGE5H DESAI (Maharashtra): No, it caa't be done because he haa laid a copy of the statement on tha '"»! i (TntMruptteru)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I JWfTi follow what you are saying.

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Madaa, can #• seek soma clarifications?

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL) 1994-95 (Anewf, 19*4)

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SlNGH): Madam,. I lay on the Table a statement (ii» English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for the year 1994-95 (August, 1994).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Todey ■ tbe Private Members' Business day.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhr* Peadesh): Madam, Special Mentions should be taken up.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I haw' to think about it becaus* thi* will be a new precedent.

1 hav© to inform the hon. Members that today's Resolutions are jn the names of tha Members who are not present here. fin today's Private Members Business, there is a Resolution moved by Shri Vjren J. Shah,, which is under discussion, and then the other Resolutions to be moved by Shri E. Balanandan, Shri Ramachandran Pillai, Shri Triloki Nath Chaturvedi, Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya and Dr. Naunihal Singh. None of them i« here... (Interruptions)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Tbe discussion on the Resolution move* by Shri Vires J. Shah was to be conti-»ned.

fftn 5WUTY CHAIRMAN: Butthe Member,, who moved the Resolution, iko^i be kere. We'cannot continue tae

discussion on a subject which was raised by a Member who is not present ia the House. It is a discourtesy.

We cannot have a discussion when the concerned Member is not thers. Similarly, when a Minister has moved a •Resolution and he is not there, how can we continue the discussion? If the Member had nominated somebody and said, "I will not be there but someone else will be there in my absence", then, we would have taken it up. Now, this is a very extraordinary situation which has never happened before in our House. So, Ji don't think we can have a discussion on that. But, I can allow the Special Mentions because they are in the names of Private Members and the Members who have sought to raise the Special Mentions are present over here. .(.Interruptions) That i_s also a private business.

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Ish Dutt Yadav. Not present. Now, can I have a discussin on Shri Ish Dutt Yadav's Special Mention when he is not here? Similarly, I cannot allow a discussion even though it may be contin uing. The Member should be present in th* House.

FLOOD HAVOC IN GUJARAT

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR (Gujarat): Madam I take this opportuni ty to invite the attention of the august House to the extensive death and destr uction wrought by nature ia major parts of Gujarat. It was extreme drought and famine which first hit Saurashtra-Kutch end the areas of north Gujarat in May-June this year and then came the devast ating floods again inundating vast tracts of Saurashtra, Kutch and South Gujarat affecting 10 districts, especially, Rajkot, • Kutch, lunagadh, Surat, Valsad breach and Bhavnagar. The floods with torrta-tial rains in the State this year are; rather unprecedented in dimauipnt in-sofar as the State hag suffered th© high-i of human lives which, according to tbe official figures, till reports last cwmt in, were 134; the damage to crops by way of extensive inundating or wash-ins away of crops, was over 48,784 hectares; 14,211 heads of cattle were lost, 7,153 huts have beea totaily destroyed besides a partial destruction to 2,36,026 huts; 14,940 pucca residential units have been damaged and 11,00,100 families hare been disturbed and dislocated.

Madam, we are thankful to the hon. Primj Minister who ihas kindly granted Rs. 58 lakhs and a special relief for the affected families, while conveying deep sympathy for the bereaved families who have lost their near and dear ones. We are also grateful to the Minister of Agriculture, Shri Balram Jakhar, who visited the affected areas for a first-hand view of the devastations caused by the floods and he infused courage amongst th© people and the State Government to meet the challenge posed by nature. He also assured to release the third instalment of the Central aid to the State for the current year from out Of the allotted share of the Calamities Relief Fund.

Madarn, in this context, I would sotv mit that though Gujarat is perennially subjected to brute wrath of nature in the form of drought and floods yet this year, this wrath of nature has been exceptionally harsh. As many as 2,419 villages had been declared drought-hit this year and the dimension of th» flood devastation is unprecedently harsh. Tbe State Government had done eommendably well in scaling down the drought relief expenditure from the estimated Rs. 209 crores for the full drought year 1993-94 to only Rs. 130-140 crores by way of prudent financial man-agement without diluting the scop© and ambit of the drought relief operations.

Having thus overcome the drought chal-lenge with around Rs. 135 crores, the State is again faced with enormous floods, the relief measures for which are estimated to «*st araund Rs. 148 crores. As